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Subject: RE: Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022 (edits made)

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PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the protest activities in O Division associated with the Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa (x-ref file 2022-74888).

BACKGROUND:

The Freedom Convoy was created as a means for truckers and others to demonstrate against cross-border Covid vaccine mandates and in support of the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa;

O Division's DEOC is monitoring the events in O Division and actively planning and tracking Divisional resources mobilized for the Freedom Convoy protests.

CURRENT STATUS:

68 members deployed to Ottawa on February 17th, 2022;

An additional 46 members were deployed on February 18th, 2022;

On February 17th, 2022, O Division deployed the Emergency Response Team (ERT) with s.37 and the Tactical Services' Group (TSG) with 58 members;

O Division members are currently being identified for deployment starting on February 23rd to March 2nd, 2022.

OTHER KNOWN/PLANNED EVENTS:

Windsor/Ambassador Bridge: Planned rally in Detroit, MI, on February 19th, 2022 at 14:00 hrs., the same time as the "Great Canadian Flag" rally on the Windsor Riverfront;

Cornwall/Seaway International Bridge Corporation: Unconfirmed information stating that protestors are planning for another demonstration on February 19th, 2022;

Thunder Bay: Information suggests that a protest may occur in the near future at border crossing(s) in the area;

Toronto: Information suggests that protestors from "The Line Canada" are calling for individuals that oppose vaccinations to attend their demonstration on February 19th, 2022, conversely, a counter protest, entitled "KKKonvoyGoHome", is planning on attending. On February 20th, 2022 a possible protest in solidarity with Ottawa residents is scheduled at Toronto City Hall;

Ottawa/Parliament: The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and assisting policing partners have commenced enforcement at the blockade. Arrests and the removal of vehicles are ongoing. The Freedom Convoy from Fort McMurray (4 vehicles: coach bus, motorhome, and 2 half ton trucks) were last seen travelling east of Nipigon, ON;

Fort Erie/ Niagara Falls/ Peace Bridge: Unconfirmed information stating protestors on the American side of the Bridge are planning a demonstration on February 19th, 2022. A possible “slow roll” is scheduled for February 20th, 2022. A Twitter post dated February 19th, 2022 at 10:41 hrs. shows vehicles accumulating in Fort Erie;

Nipigon River Bridge: Potential convoys and protests being planned at the Bridge for February 26th, 2022. OPP monitoring;

Lansdowne Bridge: Possible protest scheduled on February 19th, 2022.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Situations are on-going and will be monitored.

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